

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **Public is invited to comment on Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Spending for the Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2015**

RALEIGH—Members of the public are invited to comment on the services that will be provided through the federal Child Care and Development Fund during the upcoming 2013-2015 period. The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) provides block grant funding to states to support early care and education services.

The purpose of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is to increase the availability, affordability and quality of early care and education services throughout North Carolina. The CCDF grant gives States the opportunity to develop child care programs and policies to meet the needs of the children and families served within the state.

The projected amount of federal funding through CCDF for fiscal year 2013-2014 is approximately \$198 million. CCDF funds are used to support North Carolina's child care regulatory and licensing system, which ensures the health and safety of children in early care and education settings. CCDF funds are also used to provide funding to support the child care needs of nearly 130,000 children each year through the North Carolina Subsidized Child Care Program. A minimum of 4 percent of the funds are used toward quality initiatives that support families with children in child care as well as the child care workforce, which include:

- child care resource and referral services for families
- supports to improve the education levels of the child care workforce
- technical assistance and training for child care teachers
- the North Carolina Star Rated License System

All interested persons may review and provide feedback on the North Carolina proposed 2013-2015 CCDF Plan by obtaining a copy at the following locations:

1. The N.C. Division of Child Development and Early Education, 319 Chapanoke Road, Suite 120, Raleigh NC 27603, or
2. The Divisions' website at [www.ncchildcare.net](http://www.ncchildcare.net), then click on the What's New link and then click on the 2013-2015 CCDF Plan link.

A public hearing will be held on April 25, 2013 from 10:30-12:30 p.m. in room 300 at 319 Chapanoke Road, Suite 120, Raleigh, NC 27603. We welcome you to attend and listen in, but all commentary should be sent directly to [Tasha.Owens-Green@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Tasha.Owens-Green@dhhs.nc.gov) or US Mail (addressed to):

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The final date for the submission of public comments is May 25, 2013. Please contact Tasha Owens-Green at (919) 662-4543 with any questions regarding this public hearing notice.